

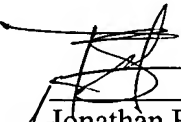
REMARKS

Please consider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The above amendments were made solely to remove multiple dependencies. The amendment is fully supported by the original specification and no new matter has been added.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 02008.140001).

Respectfully submitted,

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